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In re application of:

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Application No.:

Filed: January 18, 2002

For: ACELLULAR MATRIX GRAFTS: PREPARATION AND USE

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8.

Please substitute the following amended, clean version of claim 9:

9. (Amended once) A method for the preparation of a bladder acellular matrix graft, comprising:

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